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Father Coughlin's Answer To Critics Promised In Book

Announcer Does Not Explain Failure To Speak Last Week—Priest Lauds Guild Plan

[By the Associated Press]

Detroit, Feb. 11—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin said through an announcer on his regular Sunday broadcast today he would answer his critics in a book to be published this week. Father Coughlin did not explain his failure to broadcast as usual last Sunday, an incident which, the announcer said, was "regrettable" in that "a multitude of rumors began to circulate."

"When Father Coughlin is on the air, evidently that is not news," the announcer said. "The moment he refrains from broadcasting it becomes national first-page comment. . ."

Father Coughlin's book, the announcer said, would answer, among other things, complaints he said had

been lodged with the Department of Justice by the Jewish People's Committee.

Publishing of the book, of which 1,000,000 copies will be printed, was explained on the ground that neither the radio nor the press is "the proper vehicle to carry any comments of such a nature."

The announcer posed a half-dozen questions to which it was presumed the radio priest would reply. These were:

"Does Father Coughlin use the mails to defraud? Is he a pro-Nazi or a pro-American? Is he a pro-Communist or a pro-Christian? Is he an anti-Semite or a friend of the persecuted Jews

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FATHER COUGHLIN TO REPLY IN BOOK

Announcer Refers To Failure
To Speak Last Week But
Gives No Reason

Priest, In Broadcast, Voices
Praise Of Proposal Of
Guild System

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here or elsewhere? Does he believe in Fascism or Christian democracy?
"And, above all, who are the definite individuals responsible for originating the slanders and calumnies against him and the principles which he upholds?"
In his broadcast, Father Coughlin dwelt on the proposal by sixteen prelates of the Catholic Church in America that the "guild system be re-established" in a move to create "moral unity."